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'THE Publick are ſufficiently inform'd 'in general, that the Enemy have 'made great Uſe of the Maſk of 'Religion to keep up the Duke of 'Anjou's Intereſt in Spain: But per-'haps few imagine they could deſcend to ſuch piti-'ful Methods, as the following Piece (taken from 'the laſt Paris Mercure) ſhews they have practis'd.

Don Lewis Belluga and Moncada, by the Grace of God and of the Holy Apoſtolick See, Biſhop of Carthagena, Counce or of State, Viceroy and Captain General of the Kingdom of Valencia: To our Well-beloved in Jeſus Chriſt, the Faithful of our Dioceſe, Greeting in our Lord.

TAking into Conſideration the miraculous Sweat and Tears which on the 8th and 9th of this Month iſſued in ſuch abundance from the ſacred Image of our Lady of Pity, in a Garden-houſe of this City, that looks towards Alicant; and that this Prodigy continued two Days, during the Space of Twentythree Hours, beginning on the 8th at one in the Afternoon, and continuing till twelve the next Day; to that Degree that the Linnen on which the Pedeſtal of the ſacred Image was plac'd, and even the very Ground were all wet with it; which was beheld with Admiration by all the Troops of this City, who were encamp'd on that ſide, as well as by ourſelves, who had the good Fortune to be preſent ſoon enough to obſerve the Marks of the trickling down of the Tears and Swear, and to touch the Linnen and the Pedeſtal that were wet with them: After having taken Information of this Prodigy, receiv'd the Depoſitions of 24 Witneſſes, choſen from many others: The Matter having been examin'd and decided in ſeveral Aſſemblies of Divines and Men of Piety, as the Council of Trent injoins; We have declar'd and do declare that the ſaid Tears and Sweat are miraculous, and that the ſacred Relick of the Linnen on which the ſaid Tears and Sweat fell, are worthy of the Worſhip and Veneration of the Publick.

We could not at firſt imagine any other Reaſon of theſe Tears and of this Sweat, than the great Compaſſion of the Holy Virgin for the Inhabitants of this City, which had emplor'd her moſt dear Son to defend them againſt the Enemies that threaten'd them; and to deliver a Detachment of our Troops, who at the very Time when the Sweat was firſt perceiv'd, was ingag'd with a Party of the Enemy, and defeated them. But having been ſince inform'd, that the ſame Day, between 10 and 11 in the Morning, the Enemies of our Holy Religion poſſeſs'd themſelves of the Town of Alicant the Caſtle excepted, we were intirely convinc'd that the Tears and Sweat of the Holy Virgin proceeded no doubt from the Senſe of Grief, with which the Queen of Angels was afflicted for the Ravages which the Hereticks were than actually making in that City, and for the Outrages and Impieties with which they treated the ſacred Images, as we fear'd they would. All pious People were perſwaded that this was the true Motive of thoſe Tears and Sweat: And this Opinion was confirm'd by the Sweating of an Image of our Saviour, which was ſeen on the 15th in one of the Pariſh Churches of this City.

To Day, being Wedneſday in the Evening a Captain and two Lieutenants of one of the Regiments that had been garriſon'd in the City of Alicant, one of whom came from thence the 15th, and the other two the 14th, deſir'd Audience of us. They told us that they could not relate without Hearts full of Grief, the Diſorders which the Engliſh had committed in the Churches of that City: That they themſelves had been Eye-Witneſſes that thoſe Hereticks deſpairing of taking the Caſtle, enter'd the Churches, and with their Swords defac'd the Images, cutting off the Heads of ſome, the Arms of others, and throwing them on the Ground. One of the Officers affirm'd, that he took up in his own Arms an Image of the moſt Holy Virgin, that had been cut in two; and that he had ſeen a Soldier at one Blow ſtrike of the Head of an *Ecce Homo*. Another of them told us that he ſaw ſome Engliſh Officers go into the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, into which no Soldiers were permitted to enter, becauſe Safe-Guards had been plac'd for the ſecurity of the Goods carry'd into that holy Place; that they went in, I ſay, with their Hats on, tho' the Vicar was at the Door, holding in his Hands the moſt holy Sacrament: That they paſs'd by him without ſhewing the leaſt Mark of Reſpect to it: That a Prieſt coming up and admoniſhing them that by ſuch kind of Irreverences they would ruin their Affairs, and therefore praying them to pull off their Hats, one of them in contempt of this Exhortation, took his Hat, and ſtruck the Prieſt with it; and all of them made ſport at him, which oblig'd the Vicar to ſhut up the Holy Sacrament. That others at the Convent of the Capuchin Nuns, took out of the Ground the Bodies of Mother Urſula Miracla and of Mother Eſpadagna Foundreſs of the Convent, and not finding the Treaſures they expected, drag'd them into the Church. And theſe three Officers affirm, that this was the general Practice in all the Churches, tho' they could ſee it only in thoſe we have mention'd, becauſe ſoon after they were taken, they were ſet at Liberty, having been firſt compell'd to pay Ten Piſtoles each. They added that all the neighbouring Country was in Sorrow and Conſternation, becauſe a Soldier had fir'd his Piece at the Image of our Lady of Carmel: That the Hereticks had bury'd another Image in the Convent of St. John di Dios: That in the Jeſuits College they had fir'd upon a Crucifix, and hack'd the Face of the Image of our Lady the Queen of Angels: That they had ſnatch'd the ſacred Veſſels from the Hands of the Prieſts, and committed other-like Sacrileges: That they had broken the Tabernacles in Pieces, taken away the Sacredotal Veſtments, and turn'd the Churches into Stables: In ſhort that they had heard, the Churches of Alicant were all plunder'd except two, that is to ſay, thoſe of St. Nicholas and St. Mary; which were ſpar'd for the Profit (as is preſum'd) of the Commander of the Troops; and that the Inhabitants who had convey'd Part of their Effects thither, might compound for them in Money.

And we having ask'd them at what Hour theſe Diſorders began, they all three aſſur'd us it was the 8th at Noon; and continued almoſt all the next Day. Which are juſt the two Days that Tears and Sweat iſſued from the Image of the Queen of Angels, the moſt Holy Virgin, and the very Hour no doubt when ſhe began to Sweat, tho' it was not taken Notice of till an Hour after. The Depoſitions of theſe three Officers agreeing exactly with the Evidence of ſome Soldiers, who came out of Alicant the ſame Day the City was taken, to whom we did not give an intire Credit, ſuſpending our Judgement till we were more fully inform'd, we commanded their Information to be taken, and that their Teſtimonies ſhould be annex'd to the Record of the Miracle, which Teſtimonies they forthwith gave upon Oath.

Seeing therefore God has been pleas'd to work this Miracle in this City, by the Means of his Holy Images, with this remarkable Circumſtance of Sweat

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and Tears, (in the ſight of the Army incamp'd near it,) which began to drop the very Moment the Action begun between the Enemies Troops and ours: And ſeeing beſides, that it was on the ſame Day and at the ſame Hour, that the Impieties and Sacrilegious Outrages offer'd to the Holy Images begun; we can not doubt that our moſt merciful Mother intended by theſe Tokens of Grief at ſuch a Time and in ſuch a Place, to animate and arm us with a Holy Zeal to expiate the Sacrilegious Injuries committed againſt the Holy Virgin, againſt the Image of her Son, and thoſe of other Saints, and to excite us by her Tears, which were ſeen by our Soldiers when they were in Arms, to revenge her on the Enemies of God and his Religion; giving them to underſtand by her Tears, that in this War they are not ſo much to have Regard to the Juſtice of the Cauſe of their King and Country which they defend, as to her own Cauſe and that of Religion.

Tho' we were always of that Perſwaſion, yet we now hold ourſelves oblig'd by this preſent Miracle, and the Obſervations we have made upon it, to declare to our moſt dear Sons in the Lord, that if any among them could have the leaſt Scruple till now whether this be a War of Religion, they ought no longer to doubt it, after the Manifeſt and convincing Indications which Heaven has newly given us.

We are thoroughly convinc'd, that if we would not ſee our Images dragg'd on the Ground and trampled on before our Faces, and disfigur'd and broke by the Hands of Hereticks; if we would not ſee our Temples and Churches in which we adore the Majeſty of Jeſus Chriſt in the Holy Sacrament, prophan'd; and that Sacred Image which the Lord has plac'd before the Enemy's Eyes to confound their Errour, and as an Accuſer to reproach them inceſſantly with their Blindneſs; if we would not, I ſay, ſee it made the Object of their Sacrilegious Fury, broken in Pieces and reduc'd to Powder; and if alſo, (I know not whether our dear Children will have the Heart to ſee it, or whether I can find fit Words to expreſs it,) we would not have the Living God, before whom the Powers of Heaven tremble, at whoſe Name alone Hell quakes, trod under the Feet of theſe perfidious and ſacrilegious Hereticks; if we would not be Slaves to the Enemies of our Holy Religion, who lord it over us like Maſters, and we well know proſecute the War as Leaders of the Expedition, not as Auxiliary Troops;

To conclude, If we would not with our own Eyes behold like Scenes of Grief, and other Images in other Cities weep for the Outrages that ſhall be done to ours, we muſt look upon this War as the Cauſe of God and of our Religion, as Heaven has newly declar'd it to be by ſuch viſible Signs; and ought to maintain it with that generous and Catholick Unanimity that ſo Holy a Work requires; bearing conſtantly in Mind, that we defend not only the Intereſt of Philip V. our King on Earth, but the Intereſt of the King of Heaven, of his Religion, of his Images, of his Sanctuary, of his Churches, of his Miniſters, and of his Prelate, who is the Object of the Hereticks greateſt Hatred, becauſe he does not hold his Peace when he ſees the Wolves Encompaſs the Fold to devour his Sheep. You ought to believe, moſt dear Sons in our Lord, that God will favour us, and that he who ſpills ſome of his Blood, or loſes his Life in the Defence of ſo juſt a Cauſe, will attain to the greateſt Happineſs that he could hope for in this World; and ought to be confident and firmly perſwaded, that God will reward ſo holy and catholick a Reſolution with an immortal Crown of Glory.

Wherefore we expect from the Bravery that we have obſerv'd in our Troops, eſpecially after what has newly happen'd, and from the pious Hatred with which we ſee they are animated againſt the Enemies of our holy Religion; we expect I ſay, that they will act with the utmoſt Vigour, in the Defence not only of their King, but of their Churches, and Images. And to the end that in this holy War they may have the more particular Aſſiſtance of Heaven, of which they ought to render themſelves worthy by reforming their Lives and Manners; and that we may wreſt out of the Hands of the Lord the Rod with which he chaſtiſes our Sins, ſeeing it now appears that his Mercy would pardon us; We exhort all our moſt dear Sons to appear in Arms, We beſeech them by the Bowels of Jeſus Chriſt to confeſs themſelves and to communicate; which that they may do, we will take Care to ſend Prieſts to the Army, who ſhall exhort them to joyn their Tears of true Repentance to thoſe of the Virgin, that they may be acceptable in the Sight of the Almighty. &c.


AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Saturday, the 19th of April, will be preſented a new Opera, call'd, Thomyris Queen of Schythia. By Subſcription. With Entertainments of Dancing. None to be admitted into the Front Boxes or Side Boxes which are laid open into the Pit but by the Subſcribers Tickets, which are to be deliver'd out this Afternoon and to Morrow Morning at Mr. White's Chocolate-houſe in St. James's-ſtreet. The Stage Boxes, Balconies and Galleries, for the Benefit of the Houſe.

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This Day at Edmund Curll's Bookſeller, at the Peacock without Temple-Bar, continues to be Sold the Library of the Reverend Mr Kingſton, (the Price of each Book being ſet in the firſt blank Leaf,) being an Extraordinary Collection of the moſt valuable Authors in moſt Faculties, in Greek, Latin, Italian, French, and Engliſh, with moſt of the Claſſick Authors of various Editions in uſum Delphini & cum Notis Variorum, ſeveral Printed by Aldus, Stephens, Colineus, Elz &c. and a curious Collection of the beſt Modern French Authors, the Works of M. Dacier, Monſieur Menage, le Clerc, C. d'Oſſat, C. Richelieu, M. Bayle, and for the Generality neatly bound and gilt. The Sale to continue this and the next Week from 9 in the Morning to 9 at Night.

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